

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF KENTUCKY  
LOUISVILLE DIVISION  
CRIMINAL ACTION NO. 3:17-CR-170-CHB-CHL**

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,**

**Plaintiff,**

**v.**

**JOSEPH R. WILLIS, et al.,**

**Defendants.**

**ORDER**

This matter came before the undersigned on January 17, 2019 for a suppression hearing on the pending Motions to Suppress (DNs 109, 114). The following were present:

FOR THE UNITED STATES:	Randy Ream, counsel; Elizabeth N. Jones Brown, counsel
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FOR DEFENDANT C. JONES:	Clifton J. Jones; Ramon McGee, retained counsel
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FOR DEFENDANT D. RICE:	Dontay L. Rice; Keith E. Kameinsh, retained counsel
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FOR DEFENDANT ESTEY:	Eric R. Estey; Larry D. Simon, appointed counsel
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FOR DEFENDANT TAYLOR:	Dandre L. Taylor; Philip M Longmeyer, appointed counsel
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FOR DEFENDANT SMITH:	Odell P. Smith, Jr.; Rob Eggert, retained counsel
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FOR DEFENDANT FREEMAN:	William C. Freeman; Catherine J. Kamish, appointed counsel
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FOR DEFENDANT HALL:	James E. Hall; Mark J. Wettle, appointed counsel
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FOR DEFENDANT HEISER:	Chad. J. Heiser; Stephen H. Miller, appointed counsel
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FOR DEFENDANT C. RICE:	Clarence W. Rice, Jr.; John Casey McCall, retained counsel
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FOR DEFENDANT WILLIS:	Joseph R. Willis; Jonathan S. Ricketts, appointed counsel
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FOR DEFENDANT THOMPSON

Tonika Lavon Thompson;<sup>1</sup> James A.  
Earhart, appointed counsel

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The undersigned first held oral argument on whether the Defendants were entitled to an evidentiary hearing under *Franks v. Delaware*, 438 U.S. 154 (1978). The undersigned found that the Defendants were not entitled to an evidentiary hearing for reasons that will be set forth in a separate order. The undersigned then held oral argument on the Motions to Suppress (DNs 109, 114).

Accordingly,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the undersigned will take the Motions to Suppress (DNs 109, 114) under advisement.

cc: Counsel of Record

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<sup>1</sup> Defendant Thompson was not present at the start of the suppression hearing because she believed the hearing started at 10:30 AM. However, she arrived shortly after the hearing began. Her attorney Mr. Earhart indicated that she had no objection to the Court going forward with the hearing in her absence and that until her arrival, he would serve as her representative.